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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A display apparatus for displaying a sequential presentation of words from a section of text, comprising:

a display device; and

a display controller for controlling an image displayed by the display device;

wherein the display controller ~~[[is operable to control]]~~ controls the display device to generate a display image comprising:

a first display region in which words from the section of text are presented sequentially one after another in time; and

a thumbnail view, defining a second display region, of the section of the text from which the words in the first display region are ~~[[being read]]~~ sequentially presented; and

wherein the display controller in generating the display image controls movement of the thumbnail view relative to the first display region, as the words from the section of text are sequentially presented in the first display region, to indicate at least an approximate location within the thumbnail view of the word currently presented in the first display region.

2. (Currently Amended) The display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the display controller ~~[[is operable to present]]~~ sequentially presents words from the section of text, in turn, in the first display region, at a controlled presentation rate.

3. (Currently Amended) The display apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the display controller ~~[[is operable to generate]]~~ generates the display image with the first display region maintained at a generally fixed position within the display image.

4-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

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the display controller ~~[[is operable to generate]]~~ generates the thumbnail view to be larger than the first display region, the thumbnail view being located in a first display pane of the display image, and wherein the first display region is located in a second display pane of the display image in front of the first display pane, the first display region overlapping the thumbnail view.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) ~~[[The display apparatus according to claim 8,]]~~ A display apparatus for displaying a sequence of words from a section of text, comprising:

a display device; and

a display controller for controlling an image displayed by the display device;

wherein the display controller controls the display device to generate a display image comprising:

a first display region in which words in the sequence of words are presented one after another in time; and

a thumbnail view of the section of the text from which the words in the first display region are sequentially presented;

wherein the thumbnail view defines a second display region with a position in the display image; and

wherein the display controller ~~[[is operable to move]]~~ controls the position of the thumbnail view relative to the first display region as the words from the section of text are sequentially presented in the first display region ~~sequence of words presented in the first display region is advanced~~, such that the relative position of the thumbnail view is indicative of the location in the section of text of the word currently displayed in the first display region.

11. (Currently Amended) The display apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the display controller ~~[[is operable to maintain]]~~ maintains the first display region at a generally fixed position within the display image.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for operating a display apparatus to

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generate a display image for displaying a sequential presentation of words from a section of text in a display of the display apparatus, comprising:

generating a first display region in the display image in which words from the section of text are presented sequentially one after another in time;

generating a thumbnail view, defining a second display region in the display image, of the section of text from which the words in the first display region are sequentially presented [[being read]]; and

moving in the display image the thumbnail view relative to the first display region, as the words from the section of text are sequentially presented in the first display region, to indicate at least an approximate location within the thumbnail view of the word currently being displayed in the first display region.

13. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 17 [[12]], wherein the sequence of words presented one after another in time in the first display region is advanced at a controlled presentation rate.

14-15. (Canceled)

16. (Original) The method according to claim 12, further comprising generating the thumbnail view to be larger than the first display region, the thumbnail view being located in a first display pane, and the first display region being located in a second display pane in front of the first display pane, the first display region overlapping the thumbnail view.

17. (Currently Amended) [[The method according to claim 16, further comprising]] A method for operating a display apparatus to generate a display image for displaying a sequence of words from a section of text in a display of the display apparatus, comprising:

generating a first display region in the display image in which words in the sequence of words are presented one after another in time;

generating a thumbnail view of the section of text from which the words in the first display region are sequentially presented; said generating defining a second

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display region with a position in the display image; and

controlling the position of the thumbnail view within the display image relative to the first display region as the words from the section of text are sequentially presented in the first display region, such that the relative position of the thumbnail view is indicative of the location in the section of text of the word currently displayed in the first display region.

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 17, wherein said controlling maintains the first display region within the display image at a generally fixed position ~~further comprising moving the position of the thumbnail view relative to the first display region as the sequence of words presented in the first display region is advanced.~~

19. - 20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) The display apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the display controller generates marks in the thumbnail view that approximate word patterns in the section of the text.

22. (Previously Presented) The display apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the display controller generates a shadow on the thumbnail view to indicate a number of pages remain in a document after the page presented in the thumbnail view.

23. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 18, further comprising generating marks in the thumbnail view that approximate word patterns in the section of the text.

24. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 18, further comprising generating a shadow on the thumbnail view to indicate a number of pages remain in a document after the page presented in the thumbnail view.

25-28. (Canceled)

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Please add the following claims:

29. (New) The display apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the first display pane is centered in the display image.

30. (New) The display apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the first display pane is stationary in the display image.

31. (New) The display apparatus according to claim 30, wherein a start word from the section of text is selected by moving the first pane relative to the second pane.

32. (New) The method according to claim 16, wherein the first display pane is centered in the display image.

33. (New) The method according to claim 32, wherein the first display pane is stationary in the display image.

34. (New) The method according to claim 33, wherein a start word from the section of text is selected by moving the first pane relative to the second pane.

35. (New) The display apparatus according to claim 10, wherein a start position in the sequence of words is selected by moving the thumbnail view relative to the first display region.

36. (New) The method according to claim 17, wherein a start position in the sequence of words is selected by moving the thumbnail view relative to the first display region.

37. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein words from the section of text are sequentially presented, in turn, in the first display region, at a controlled presentation rate.

38. (New) The method according to claim 37, wherein said moving maintains the first display region within the display image at a generally fixed position.